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MILK PRODUCTION

ALASKA: Milk production in November was 600,000 pounds. This is down from the 700,000 pounds produced in November of 2006. Production per cow was 1,010 pounds, down from 1,140 pounds in October, but the same as 2006. The number of milk cows, at 600 head, is unchanged from last month but down 100 head from the same time last year.

Accumulated milk production of 8.2 million pounds during the first eleven months of 2007 was down from 9.1 million pounds during the same period in 2006.

Milk production in the **23 Major States** during November totaled 13.8 billion pounds, up 3.8 percent from November 2006. October production, unrevised at 14.2 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from October 2006.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,654 pounds for November, 40 pounds above November 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.36 million head, 101,000 head more than November 2006, and 8,000 head more than October 2007.

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of December 1, 2007 totaled 127,000 cwt. This was 72 percent of the total 2007 production of potatoes crop and compares with 133,000 cwt and 72 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2005 level for the December 1 stocks was 129,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for December 1 is 125,000 cwt.

Disappearance since October 1 was 23,000 cwt, compared with 24,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 22,600 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to December 1 totaled 49,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 53,000 cwt; the five year average is 45,200 cwt. The disappearance since October 1 reflects sales, shrinkage and waste, as well as losses caused after harvest.

Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purpose and uses, including seed potatoes that are not yet moved, and shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report.

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS – DECEMBER 1, 2007

Year	Stocks		Production	Dec 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production
	Dec. 1	Oct. 1		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----			-- Percent --
2007	127.0	150.0	176.0	72%
2006	133.0	157.0	186.0	72%
2005	129.0	145.0	166.0	78%

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U.S. POTATO STOCKS

The **13 MAJOR POTATO STATES** held 270 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2007, up 4 percent from last year and 6 percent above December 1, 2005. Potatoes in storage account for 68 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 4.20 million cwt on December 1, 2007, up 5 percent from last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 130 million cwt, is virtually unchanged from last year but up 8 percent from 2005. Season to date shrink and loss, at 13.9 million cwt, is up 5 percent from 2006 and 9 percent above 2 years ago. Processors in the 9 major States have used 72.0 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 3 percent from a year ago but 10 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 12.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year but 7 percent above the same date in 2005.